

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the application as follows:

Please replace the 9 sheets of drawings as originally filed with the 9 sheets of new drawings enclosed herewith (Attachment A).

Please amend the paragraph on page 1, lines 4-8 as follows:

This application claims benefit of priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) to application no. 60/431,156, filed December 4, 2002 and application No. application No. 60/525,284, entitled "~~MULTIPLEX AMPLIFICATION OF POLYNUCLEOTIDES~~," filed November 25, 2003 (~~attorney docket no. P-71902-1~~), the disclosures of which are incorporated herein by reference.